

Licensure examination pass rates

Goal: To exceed the national pass rate

Kentucky licensure examination pass rates										
Licensure Examination	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	National Pass Rate**
NCLEX-Bachelor's	90%	90%	88%	95%	89%	94%	91%	90%	NA	86%
NCLEX-Associate	88%	86%	92%	92%	92%	90%	90%	88%	NA	85%
NCLEX-Practical Nursing	88%	90%	89%	90%	88%	89%	95%	91%	NA	88%
Physical Therapy	90%*	74%*	88%*	82%	83%	67%	83%	89%	91%	89%
Engineering	75%*	77%*	83%*	85%*	81%*	86%*	74%*	65%*	79%*	77%
Kentucky Bar Exam	86%*	83%*	81%	78%	76%	69%	72%	85%*	86%*	NA
National Dental Board Exam	97%*	98%*	98%*	NA	96%*	92%*	98%*	99%*	96%*	94%
Pharmacy	97%*	100%*	100%*	100%*	99%*	100%*	100%*	100%*	NA	NA
Medicine	96%*	96%*	91%*	95%*	100%*	94%*	95%*	92%*	96%*	92%
Radiologic Technology	92%*	87%*	89%*	88%*	85%*	91%*	91%*	95%*	98%*	89%
Respiratory Care	85%*	75%*	88%*	91%*	81%*	91%*	78%*	86%*	92%*	79%

* The average pass rate for KY publics is used in place of state pass rate.

** The national pass rate reflects the most current year available, which may not match the year of the most recent Kentucky result.
Source: CPE Comprehensive Database and Kentucky licensing boards.

Rationale for goal

The performance goal in any given year is for Kentucky to exceed the national pass rate.

About this measure

Performance on professional licensure examinations is a strong indicator of college graduates' readiness for life and work in Kentucky. Licensure exams directly measure students' employability in their chosen fields and provide a useful comparison to other states. This indicator tracks annual pass rates for participating public institutions for each professional exam.